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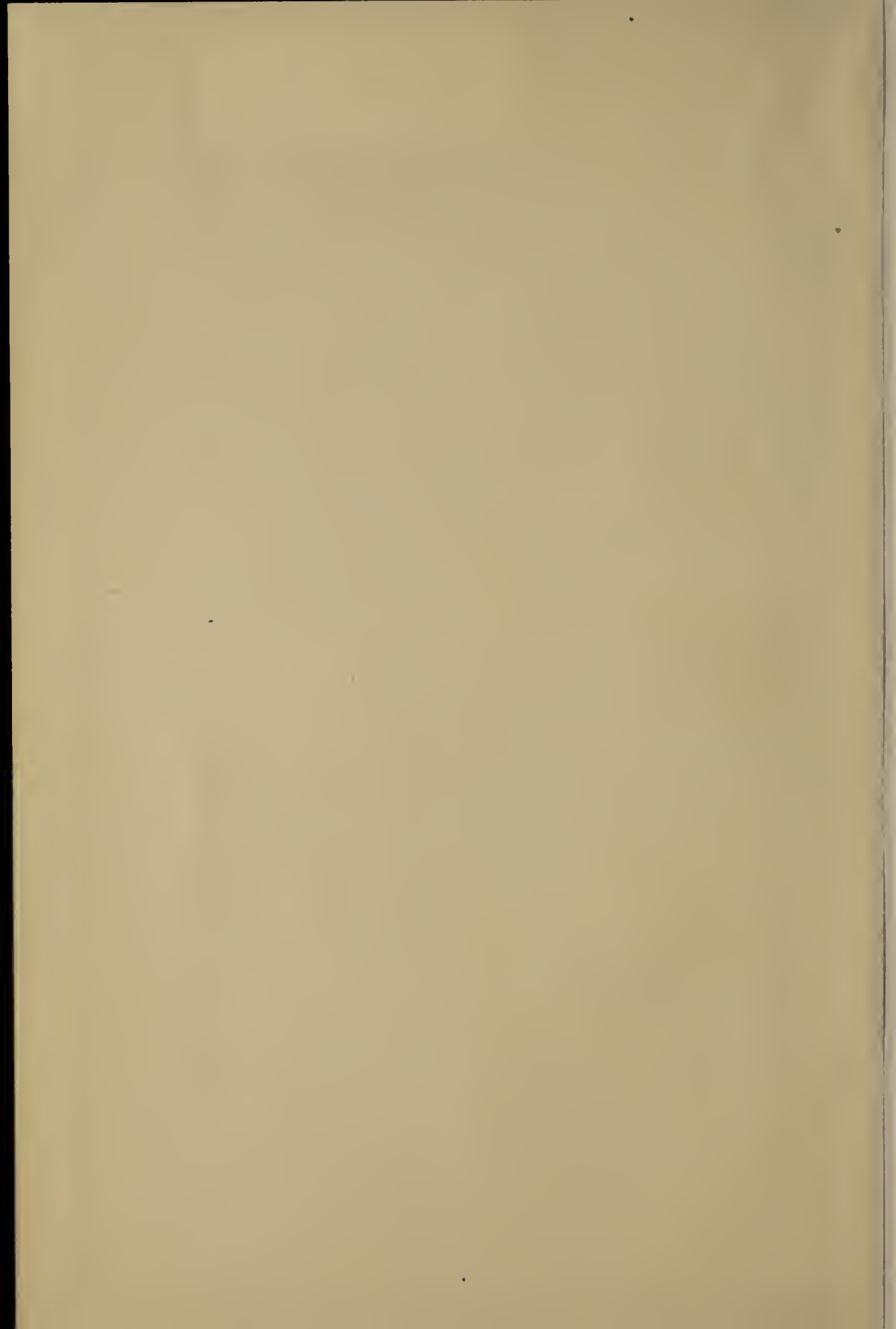
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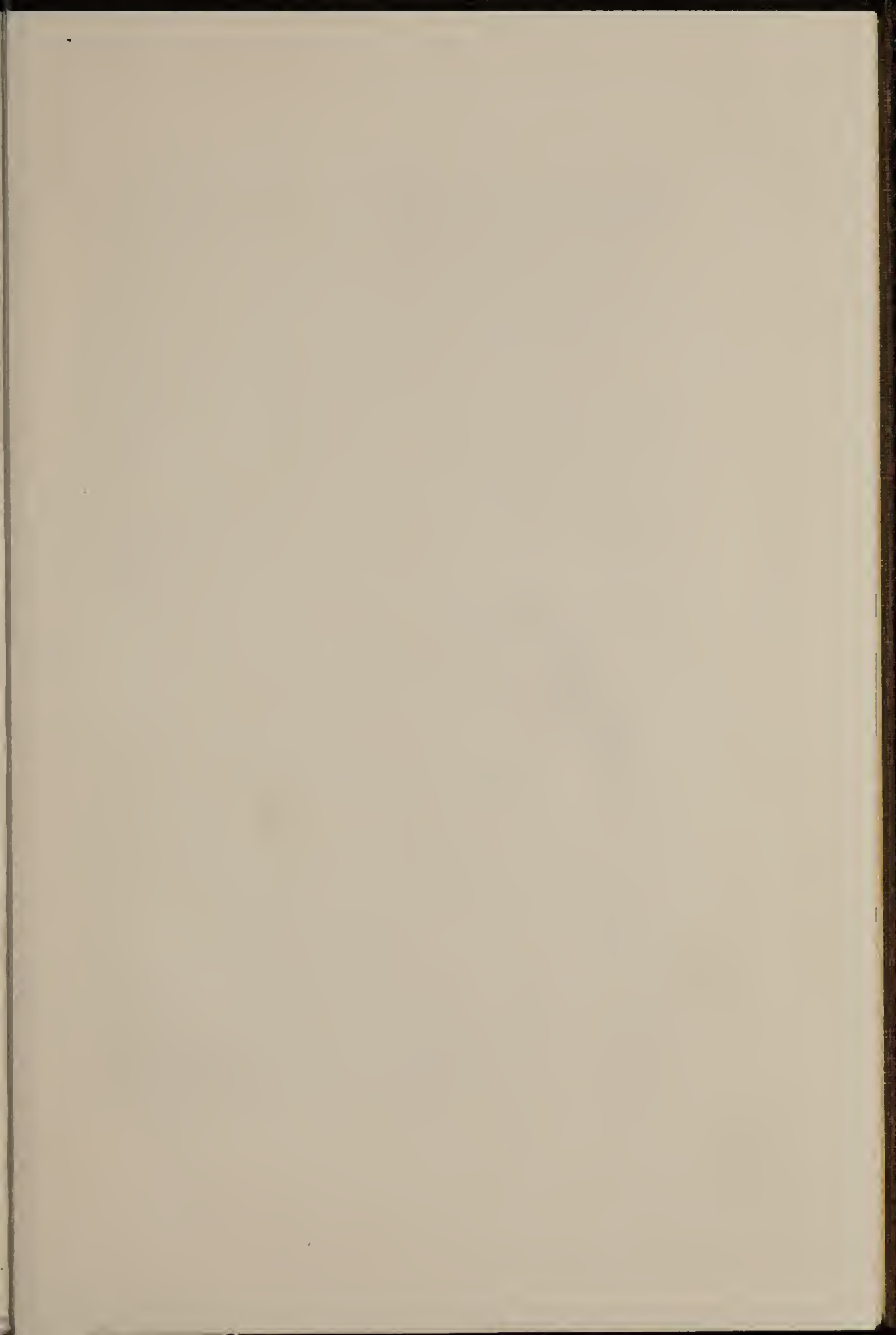
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ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FROM THE EAST

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ISLIP, LONG ISLAND

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TO
RICHARD WHARTON
SENIOR WARDEN

PREFACE

THE following historical notes have been gathered from various sources during my Rectorship of Islip, and it seemed to me not unfitting that I should mark my twentieth anniversary by their publication. They can hardly fail to be of interest to St. Mark's parishioners, for more and more the country Church is becoming the centre of an affection to those who worship there in a way that the large city Church can hardly attain. This is particularly the case with St. Mark's, Islip, for in an exceptional way family tradition has reigned here. In the eighty years of its existence, for instance, son has followed father in the Vestry unto the third generation, and it looks as if Islip conditions would warrant the continuance of this most satisfactory custom.

Moreover, there are few Churches so linked with the hearts of people by Memorial gifts. In an unusual way marks of remembrance adorn this Parish Church. Indeed it has been said that St. Mark's might properly be called the "Church of the Memorials."

In making up this little book I have endeavored to have the details in keeping with the Church. There is a personality in books, and the cover of this is in

harmony with the color of the Church. The front of the cover is stamped with "The Lion of St. Mark's," as it is to be seen over the front entrance of the Church—the figure being an exact copy of a similar emblem over the door of St. Mark's in Florence. On the back of the cover is an imprint of the angel standing watch outside over the Chancel of our St. Mark's. On the former are the words, "Pax Tibi Marce Evangelista Meus"; and on the latter, "Spes in Deo."

I dedicate the book to that colleague in the Vestry who has shared with me in a peculiar way the care of the Church. From early in my ministry here until the present time he has had the financial and I the spiritual end in charge, and we have ever consulted together regarding the maintenance of St. Mark's.

My thanks are due to Mr. H. Whitney Livingston of the Vestry who searched the records of the Parish for the lists contained in the sixth chapter of this book.

WILLIAM H. GARTH.

8th September, 1928.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH

- 1847. Original Church built.
- 1847. Parish organized.
- 1847. Rev. James W. Coe, first Rector.
- 1850. Incorporation of Church.
- 1852. Rev. Henry M. Davis, second Rector.
- 1861. Rev. Reuben Riley, third Rector.
- 1880. Present Church and Rectory built.
- 1880. Church consecrated.
- 1889. Rev. Henry R. Freeman, fourth Rector.
- 1890. Church enlarged.
- 1890. Parish House built.
- 1892. Rev. Ralph L. Brydges, fifth Rector.
- 1908. Rev. William H. Garth, sixth Rector.
- 1913. Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebrated.
- 1928. Twentieth Anniversary of Mr. Garth's
Rectorship.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH PRESENT
CORPORATION AND STAFF

RECTOR

Rev. William H. Garth

WARDENS

Richard Wharton and Dr. W. B. Savage

VESTRYMEN

H. Whitney Livingston

John Vos

Buell Hollister

Gerald V. Hollins

Bayard C. Hoppin

Henry Billington

Robert J. Bartley

Aymar Johnson

John L. Abrew

W. Kingsland Macy

CLERK OF THE VESTRY

Robert J. Bartley

TREASURER

Richard Wharton

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Miss Louise A. Waters

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ORGANIST

T. J. W. Kynes

LIBRARIAN

Miss Flobelle Smith

SEXTON

Martin Ryan

CHOIR MOTHER

Mrs. Sophia Worden

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THE ENGLISH ISLIPS



ISLIP CHURCH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

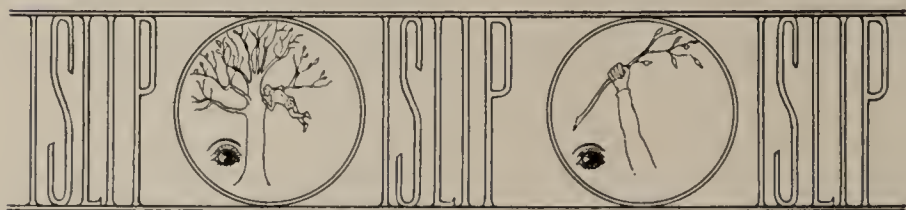
THE ENGLISH ISLIPS

THERE are two villages in England bearing the name of Islip. One of them is in the vicinity of Oxford; the other is in Northamptonshire. It is from this northern village that our own Islip takes its origin, for it was from Islip in Northamptonshire that the Nicoll family came, bringing the name of their English home community.

Of the origin of the name as attached to the English villages we know little, but it is likely the places were called after an Englishman of note in the same way that America has its Lincolns or Roosevelts scattered over the land. What gives support to this is the fact that Islip was the name of two famous English ecclesiastics of the Middle Ages.

One of these was Simon Islip, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1349 to 1366. It was Archbishop Islip who gave John Wycliffe, the great reformer, the position he held for some time in the University of Oxford. The other Islip, still more notable, was John, Abbot of Westminster Abbey, and of John Islip there is much of interest to relate.

Westminster Abbey was the Church of a famous monastery established in the eleventh century, two miles up the river Thames from the city of London. This monastery and its Church was naturally under the rule of Abbots, of whom John Islip was easily the greatest. He it was who finished the nave of the Abbey, built Henry VII's Chapel, and the western towers as high as the roof-line. His term of office lasted from 1500 to 1532, and in addition to these important parts of the Abbey he built a Chantry



Chapel to himself (in which he is buried), and an oak gallery called the "Abbot's Pew," just above the door leading from the nave into the deanery. With the death of Abbot Islip, "a devout servant of God and of wakeful conscience," the building of the Abbey ceased for long, the old order changed, and the Abbey passed from the hands of the monks into those of the Crown. Hereafter the great Church was governed by Deans instead of Abbots.

The Islip Chapel of Westminster Abbey deserves special notice. On the frieze of the Chapel are curious little carvings in two forms representing the Abbot's



ISLIP CHURCH, NEAR OXFORD

name. One is an eye, with a hand holding a branch, or slip: I-slip. Another is an eye with a man slipping from the branch of a tree: I-slip. A small design such as this is known as a "rebus," and there are many of them to be found on tombs erected about this time. The recent cleaning process has disclosed the vivid tints of the eye and the brilliant red breeches of the man who is slipping from the bright green tree. The sketch herewith shown will give a rough idea of the frieze as it runs all over the walls within and without the Chapel.

II

THE CHURCH IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

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ONE of the earliest notices that we have of our Church in Suffolk County is in the form of an objection to the Prayer Book. The early settlers of the county were Puritans, who came over from New England deeply prejudiced against the Church of England, and at a town meeting held in Brookhaven (Setauket), 1685, according to the record of proceedings, Mr. Samuel Eburne, the "Minister of the town," who had used the Prayer Book in his services, was requested to discontinue doing so, "in regard to some tender consciences."

The next record we have is of the Rev. George Keith, in 1702, being sent out by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. His field was a large one, for he travelled from Boston to Charleston in his ministrations, devoting some time to Suffolk County. Evidently the result was not satisfactory, for at a meeting of clergymen held in New York, October, 1704, the Rector of Trinity Church reported that in Suffolk County, at the east end of Long Island, there was "neither Church of England minister, nor any

provision made for one by law, the people generally being Independents, and upheld in their separatism by New England ministers." For twenty years following this not much was done so far as our Church was concerned, though one of our clergymen, the Rev. John Sharpe, chaplain of the forces in New York, made a tour of inspection with Lord Cornbury, the colonial governor, and officiated as occasion offered.

In 1723 the Rev. James Wetmore was sent by the S. P. G. to Setauket, where he remained until 1725, when he was followed by a regular succession of ministers maintained by this Society until the Revolutionary War brought such support to an end.

In 1730 the present Church at Setauket was erected. It was, at first, called Christ Church, but the name was soon changed to the Caroline Church, in compliment to the Queen of George II, who presented the parish with a silver Communion set and altar linen. This Church edifice is interesting as being not only the Mother Church of Suffolk County, but also the oldest building now used for divine service on Long Island.

Meanwhile in the county the Church was planted at Huntington—about 1744, according to extant records.

In 1769 St. John's Church, in the town of Islip, was built.

For the greater part of the eighteenth century these were the three Episcopal Churches in Suffolk—Se-

tauket, Huntington, and Islip, and as a rule one clergyman had charge of all three.

This St. John's Church, built at Islip in 1769, is of special interest to us. It is the Church still standing at Oakdale, on the former Bourne Estate. Small as this Church is it took its present form in 1843, when the original building was enlarged, and was consecrated by Dr. Onderdonk, the Bishop of New York.

Not since 1875 had any but the most occasional services been held therein, but the building has been well cared for by endowment, and this summer saw its reopening for divine worship regularly every Sunday.

III

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

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BEFORE taking up the history of St. Mark's it is worth while recalling the general social and other conditions of the district previous to and up to the organization of our parish. For this I am indebted to the "History of Long Island," by Nathaniel S. Prime, published in 1845. Writing under the head of "The Town of Islip" he tells us that the "Nicoll Patent" commenced on the east line of the town about two miles west of Patchogue, and extended ten miles west, covering a tract of nearly ten miles square, and about sixty thousand acres. It was originally purchased of Winnequaheagh, the Sachem of Connectquot, confirmed by a patent from Governor Dongan, and afterward by Governor Fletcher. It has been reduced about one-third, by sales under a special act of legislature, passed May 3, 1786, for the relief of the proprietor, who had become embarrassed by debt. The residue of the lands, divided among the heirs at law, are offered for sale on liberal terms, and are gradually passing into other hands. Thus the "Nicoll Patent" was in 1845.

Of the "Town of Islip" we hear nothing until 1710, when an act was passed by the colonial legislature authorizing its organization. As the inhabitants, however, were few, and more than half the territory in the hands of a single individual, these residents did not immediately avail themselves of the provisions of this charter. The first town meeting, of which there is any record, was held on the first Tuesday in April, 1720.

Passing over the intervening period and coming down to the time when Mr. Prime writes his history (1845), two years before the organization of St. Mark's parish, we read this interesting and amusing statement of Mr. Prime about our own town: "The central and northern parts of this town form almost one continuous wilderness, with scarcely any inhabitants, and bids fair to remain so. The two small churches which have been mentioned [meaning St. John's at Oakdale and a Methodist Church elsewhere] are the only places of worship within its limits. Some few of the inhabitants on the east and west borders are attached to congregations in the adjacent towns; but the greater part of the population must be living in utter destitution of the means of grace. From this fact, and the additional consideration that the town is a great resort of sportsmen and men of pleasure, the state of morals may be inferred. There are several large hotels furnished with billiard tables, nine-pin alleys, and other means of amusement and dissipation, which doubtless exert a much more pow-

erful effect on the public morals than all the counter influences that are here enjoyed. So that, on the whole, to a moral and religious man, this town presents the most undesirable residence of any in the County."

In this situation St. Mark's was born.

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ST. MARK'S



RECTORY AND CHURCH, FROM THE SOUTHEAST

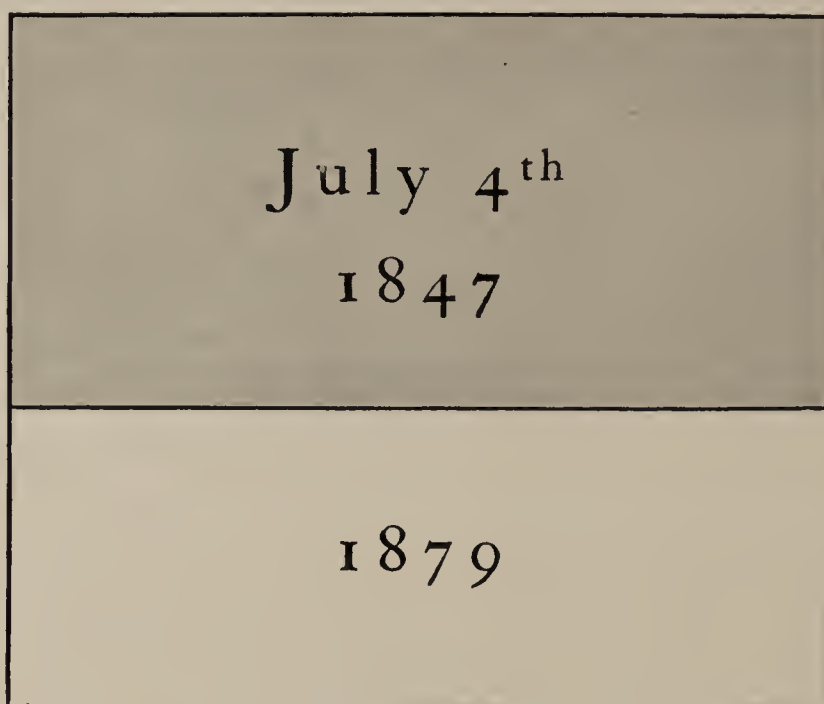
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ST. MARK'S

AT a meeting of the pew-holders of St. Mark's Church, held November 15, 1847, pursuant to notice given by the Rev. William Everett, in charge of St. John's, Oakdale, the following persons were unanimously elected Wardens and Vestrymen: Harvey W. Vail and Herman Leroy, Wardens; John D. and Edwin A. Johnson, Harry B. Cook, James H. Carll, Peter R. Crandall, Wilmot Scudder, Platt Vail, Jonathan Small, Vestrymen. The minister, then and there, offered his resignation in these words: "Gentlemen, I hereby resign that portion of the Church in Islip heretofore under my spiritual charge, erected into a new parish by the name of St. Mark's Church." On June 29, 1848, the Rev. James W. Coe was called to the Rectorship.

From the statement taken from the Parish Register of St. Mark's Church it is apparent that the congregation at Islip had been under the care of the Rector at Oakdale, and that, still further, they were in possession of a Church at Islip—a Church which stood on the corner where St. Mark's now is, though

there is no record of when this Church was built except a corner-stone bearing the date of July 4, 1847, which is now preserved on top of the corner-stone of the present building, though owing to the extension of the latter both stones may now be seen at the base of the north wall about the middle of the building.



On 16th September, 1850, the Church was incorporated and “the name or title of ‘The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. Mark’s Church in the Town of Islip’ was in like manner fixed on and agreed to as that by which the said Church, Congregation, or Society shall be known in law.”

The Rev. James W. Coe resigned the Rectorship in

July, 1852, when the Rev. Henry M. Davis was called. His call indicates that matters were now somewhat reversed, for he was also to have charge of St. John's, Oakdale, as an appendage to St. Mark's. It was stipulated that these two Churches have alternate morning and afternoon services, except that during the months of July and August all the morning services were to be held at St. Mark's.

In 1859 a parsonage was provided—the house which, after the present Rectory was built, was long used by Mr. Frank Markvart as the East Islip Hotel. That house, both as Rectory and hotel, has always stood in its present position, though when turned from ecclesiastical to other uses it was somewhat altered.

Mr. Davis's Rectorship ended in April, 1861, when the Rev. Reuben Riley succeeded him. Mr. Riley's long ministry, lasting until 1889, was a noteworthy one. He was a man of homely qualities, great devoutness, and of enthusiastic missionary spirit. Indeed he always regarded himself as a missionary, and it was he who established the missions at the following places:

Christ Church, West Islip.

St. Peter's Church, Bay Shore.

Church of the Messiah, Central Islip.

Christ Church, Brentwood.

Emmanuel Church, Great River,



A CHURCH NEAR THE SOGNE FJORD, NORWAY—AN EXAMPLE OF THE
PECULIAR SMALL WOODEN STRUCTURES DATING BACK TO THE
11TH CENTURY, AND THE TYPE FOLLOWED IN ST. MARK'S



ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FROM THE NORTHWEST

all of which have since become independent parishes. St. Mark's was the "Mother Church" of them all.

In addition to his parochial work Mr. Riley conducted a day school, and of course a Sunday-school. Many of the senior members of St. Mark's at present were pupils in one or the other of these schools, and they tell many a story of a Rector with so strong and individual a character.

His daughter, Miss Susan B. Riley, was for many years the organist. Indeed, with the exception of Mr. John D. Prince, whose services were voluntary, and who did much for the music of the Church, even giving, in June, 1880, the first organ to the present Church, St. Mark's has had only three regular organists—Miss Riley till 1890; Mr. George W. Jarvis from 1890 to 1923; and our present organist, Mr. T. J. W. Kynes.

In 1879 it was felt that the parish should have a new Church, and in 1880 the present Church was completed as it originally was and before the extension some ten years later. This Church was the gift of the late Mr. William K. Vanderbilt, who also paid for the addition. Mr. Vanderbilt gave the Church on condition that the parish should build a new Rectory—the present one. It is a matter of interest to note that from the parish records the original Church cost \$15,892, and the Rectory \$4,695, and the records also show the Rectory subscription was as follows:

George L. Lorillard.....	\$500 00
Frank C. Lawrance, Sr.....	500 00
Benj. Welles and son.....	350 00
H. B. Hollins.....	300 00
Bradish Johnson, Sr.....	250 00
Rowland Redmond.....	200 00
H. Duncan Wood.....	100 00
Henry B. Hyde.....	100 00
John H. Vail.....	100 00
James Bankard.....	100 00
George W. Hall.....	100 00
Frederick Neilson.....	100 00
Charles H. Sackett.....	100 00
William Osgood.....	100 00
C. R. Roberts.....	100 00
Charles Redmond.....	50 00
Wm. Barclay Parsons.....	50 00
J. Morgan Slater.....	50 00
Sale of old materials.....	49 80
Sale of old Church building (given by Mr. Vanderbilt).....	510 00
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	\$3,759 80
The balance raised in small amounts.....	915 20
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	\$4,675 00

With the additions to these buildings, and with the many memorials included, how small a part this is of the financial value of the Church and Rectory now!

It is a matter of profound satisfaction that the architecture is so beautiful. The architect was the famous Mr. Richard M. Hunt, and the style is Nor-

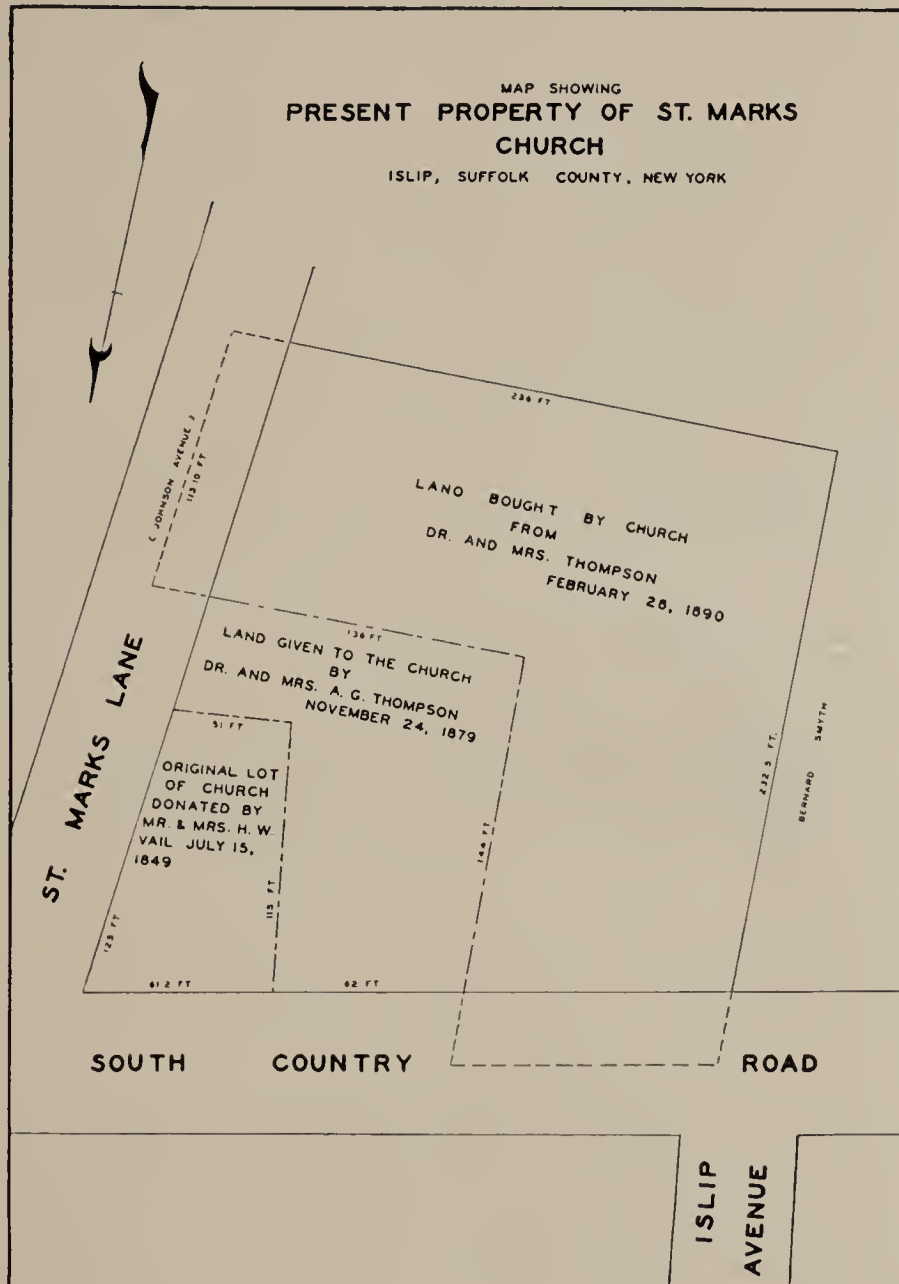
wegian Gothic. In illustration of this there is included here a picture of the Norwegian Church near the Sogne Fjord. A comparison of this building with the northwestern view of St. Mark's shows the "motif" in the mind of the architect. The same plan was also followed out in the Parish House, so that the group of parish buildings, amid their surroundings of ever-green trees, stands as beautiful as any in the country.

St. Mark's Church was consecrated on 22d June, 1880, by the Bishop of Long Island, Dr. Littlejohn, who also confirmed seven persons, and the following note of the occasion was found among the Rev. Mr. Riley's papers: "The Rev. Dr. Downe, Secretary of the Diocesan Convention, preached the sermon from I Chronicles xvi, 29. There were fifteen clergymen present, whom Mr. H. Duncan Wood lunched at his house. Mr. John D. Prince brought the Choir of Trinity Church, New York, for the occasion." Mr. Riley goes on: "June 19, 1880, the Rector and his family moved into the new Rectory, which was beautifully and comfortably furnished by Mrs. John D. Prince, Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. H. B. Hollins, Mrs. Frank C. Lawrance, Sr., Mrs. Bradish Johnson and Mrs. Charles H. Sackett."

In 1889 Mr. Riley resigned the Rectorship and removed to New Jersey, where he spent the rest of his life. He was succeeded by the Rev. Henry R. Freeman, who served for three years. Then came the Rev. Ralph L. Brydges, from 1892-1908; and in 1908

MAP SHOWING
PRESENT PROPERTY OF ST. MARKS
CHURCH

ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK



the Rev. William H. Garth, the present Rector, who therefore this year celebrates his twentieth anniversary.

The accompanying copy of an advertisement has to do with the sale of the old Church, which was bought by the Roman Catholics for \$510, and taken over to East Islip, where it formed the nucleus of what is now St. Mary's Hall.

A plan herewith reproduced also tells the story of the land owned by the Church, and upon which its buildings stand. It will be noted that the acquisition of land corresponds with the various times of building. The original lot at the corner of the South Country Road and Johnson Avenue (as St. Mark's Lane was then called) was given to the parish in 1849 by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Vail, then an addition of over 16,000 square feet was given by Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Thompson in 1879, when the present Church was built; and finally, in 1890, at the time of the addition to the Church and the building of the Parish House, the remaining portion of the land now owned by the Church was bought from the estate of Dr. Thompson for \$5,000.

In reviewing the records of the parish one gathers that the present beautiful iron fence put up last year is the third fence that the Church has had about its property. The lamps, given by Mr. James Whitely, served many years with kerosene, and after alterations for as many more with gas, until their removal a

A Church for Sale!

The building in which the Congregation of

**ST. MARK'S CHURCH,
ISLIP, L. I.**

Have been worshipping, will be sold at
AUCTION, on

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1879,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

TERMS CASH. Particulars on day of Sale.

By order of County Court and the Wardens of
St. Mark's Church.

GEO. WESTCOTT, Auctioneer.

FACSIMILE OF POSTER USED FOR SALE OF OLD ST. MARK'S

year ago, when the entire Church was lighted by electricity.

In the fall of 1913 the seventy-fifth anniversary of the parish was celebrated.

Reference has already been made to the enlargement of the Church in 1890 by Mr. Vanderbilt. It should be added that a condition was attached to this gift, viz., that all the new pews thus provided for should be always free. Of course, strictly speaking, as Dr. Cadman has pointed out, there is no such thing as "free" pews. All pews and seats have to be paid for somewhere and somehow. It is only a question of method. A year ago the large open porch of the Church, chiefly through the instrumentality of Mr. Bayard C. Hoppin, was covered in, thus making a splendid enclosed vestibule, an improvement of considerable comfort to the congregation, and especially to the choir, in bad weather.

Just above this vestibule hangs the old bell of the Church in a position of honor. Until the new belfry and bell were added in 1920 this bell, with a tone suggestive of more primitive days, has called people to worship not alone in the present building, but in the building where the organizers of the parish first met. This bell and the foundation stone already mentioned are the only two connecting links of a material nature with the first days of the parish.

But turning again to the human aspect of things as expressed in Rectors, Vestrymen, and other officials,



MARTIN RYAN
FOR 48 YEARS SEXTON OF ST. MARK'S

mention must be made of the Sexton. Sextons have had many things told of them in ecclesiastical history. They have been important dignitaries and "held in honor among the people." One recalls a venerable bishop, visiting after a life time his College Chapel at Oxford, and finding there the same Sexton as in his college days, remarked, "And John, you have been here all these years, and heard all the sermons preached in that pulpit!" to which John replied: "Yes, my Lord, and thank God I am a Christian still." For forty-eight years Martin Ryan has been Sexton of St. Mark's. He came the year the Church was in building, and few have been the services, regular or occasional, at which he has not been present. He it is who has rung the bell and greeted at the door the people. He has lived with the Church in a way no one else has or could.

It would carry one beyond the purpose of this little book, which is simply to record the leading historical landmarks of the parish, to review the work of the Church. But in addition to a remarkable Sunday-school, which has several times won the banner of the Diocese for highest averages of attendance, work, and contributions, mention should be made of the Choir.

In the fall of 1909 the Rector, Mrs. H. B. Hollins, and the late Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt introduced the vested Choir. Men and women and boys were put in training as well as in collars and cassocks, and



THE PARISH HOUSE

since that time have led the worship of the Church. The feature of special note is that, so far as the junior members are concerned, there has been a constant procession of thirty-odd boys remaining with us from two or three to five years, and forming the very best kind of a Boys' Club. This succession of boys has been under the Church's immediate influence and training, and there are few of them who do not recall the lasting benefit, as well as the incidental pleasure, that the Choir with its work and its rewards has been to them.

Throughout the entire time we have been fortunate in having as Choirmaster Dr. G. Edward Stubbs, of Trinity Parish, New York. And along with Dr. Stubbs there is another Choir official worthy of special mention, who also has served from the start, and that is the "Choir Mother," Mrs. Sophia Worden, and to the Choir she has been a mother indeed.

No story of the Parish would be complete did it not place high on its roll of honor Miss Louise A. Waters, who for the past sixteen years has been the Parish Worker. Her service has been so splendid as to merit special distinction.

THE PARISH HOUSE

The first meeting of the Pew Holders of St. Mark's Church for the consideration of a proposal to build a Parish House was held at the residence of Mr. H. H. Hollister, Islip, on 24th July, 1890. Committees were

appointed and the work went regularly forward until the completion of the House the following year.

Mr. I. H. Green was appointed architect, and Mr. Geo. B. Howell the builder. The cost of the building was \$11,800, and toward this amount there is a record of the following subscriptions:

R. F. Cutting.....	\$1,500.00
W. B. Cutting.....	1,500.00
W. K. Vanderbilt.....	1,000.00
H. B. Hollins.....	1,000.00
H. D. Wood.....	1,000.00
H. B. Hyde.....	500.00
B. S. Welles.....	500.00
D. Chauncey.....	250.00
J. H. Vail.....	250.00
B. Johnson.....	250.00
S. T. Peters.....	250.00
H. H. Hollister.....	250.00
W. F. Wharton.....	100.00
Schuyler L. Parsons.....	100.00
B. Johnson, Jr.....	100.00
G. B. Howell.....	100.00
R. C. Livingston.....	25.00
Collected by the Rector.....	529.20
Collected by J. H. Vail.....	367.00
Collected from the Employees of W. K. Vanderbilt.....	500.00
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	\$10,071.20

The dedication of the Parish House, which was held on the evening of 26th October, 1891, was a red-

letter event in the history of the parish. The principal speech was made by the late Mr. Chauncey M. Depew.

If ever a building justified its purpose St. Mark's Parish House has done so. Looking over the thirty-eight years of its existence one sees the light of ceaseless activity. It has not only housed the Sunday-school, it has daily and nightly been the meeting place for every kind of endeavor of a parochial and community nature. Indeed until very recently it has been the only suitable place for gatherings in our two villages. And it has contained a splendid Reading-room and Public Library, over which our librarian, Miss Flobelle Smith, has graciously presided for long.

In conclusion it may not be unfitting to give, after the manner of "Who's Who," brief biographical notes of the three surviving Rectors.

DR. FREEMAN

The Rev. Henry Raymond Freeman was born in New York City, and was educated there in the public schools and by private tuition. After a short time in business life he was ordained in 1884, and was assistant minister in the Church of the Holy Spirit, New York. From 1889 to 1892 he was Rector of St. Mark's, Islip. From 1892 until this coming spring,



REV. HENRY R. FREEMAN
FOURTH RECTOR

when he resigns, he has been Rector of St. John's Church, Troy, N. Y. St. Stephen's College conferred the degree of D.D. upon him. For years he has been a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Albany, and this year is a deputy to the General Convention at Washington. In 1890 Dr. Freeman married Miss Fannie E. H. Herendeen, of New York City. At various times and for long periods he has been chaplain of military and masonic organizations. He is a thirty-third degree Mason.

MR. BRYDGES

The Rev. Ralph Lionel Brydges graduated from Wycliffe College, Toronto, in 1878, and received his M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1897.

He was ordained a deacon in 1881, and priest 1882.

From 1881 to 1883 assistant minister of St. James's Cathedral, Toronto.

1883-1884, assistant at St. George's Church, New York.

1885-1892, Rector of All Saints, Lakewood, N. J.

1892-1908, Rector of St. Mark's, Islip.

1908-1910, Assistant at St. James's Church, New York, and from 1910 to 1913 in the same capacity at All Souls' Anthon Memorial, New York.

1913-1916, Vicar of St. Alban's Cathedral, Toronto, and Secretary of the Social Service Department.



THE REV. RALPH L. BRYDGES
FIFTH RECTOR

1916-1919, Chaplain C. E. F., England and France.
1919-1921, Vicar of St. Alban's Cathedral again,
and Prison Chaplain.

1921-1922, on furlough.

1922-1927, Chaplain of Holy Trinity Church,
Rome, Italy.

1927, on furlough for health.

Mr. Brydges married Miss Florence Jarvis, of
Toronto, who will long be remembered in St. Mark's
Parish for her remarkable work.

MR. GARTH

The Rev. William Henry Garth was born and educated in Montreal, graduating from McGill University there in 1889, and from the Montreal Seminary in 1891.

He was ordained that year.

1891-1894, Assistant Minister of St. Martin's Church, Montreal.

1894-1898, Assistant Minister at St. George's Church, New York.

1898-1902, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, R. I.

1902-1908, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Naugatuck, Conn.



THE REV. WILLIAM H. GARTH
SIXTH AND PRESENT RECTOR

1908- , Rector of St. Mark's Church, Islip.

In 1903 Mr. Garth married Mrs. Irene E. (Ransom) Trask.

He is a Manager of the Central Islip State Hospital and a Trustee of St. Johnland.

In addition to his parochial work Mr. Garth has been Special Preacher on various occasions in this country and Europe, and from 1922 to 1925 at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York.

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MEMORIALS

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WINDOWS

“THE ANGEL’S PRAISE”

(over the south transept door)

In memory of

Bradish Johnson 1811-1892.

Louisa A. Johnson 1817-1870.

Gift of their children.

“THE RECORDING ANGEL”

(over north transept door)

In loving memory of our father

Henry Baldwin Hyde, 1834-1899

Vestryman of this Church.

Gift of his children.

“SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST”

(south wall)

In memory of

Roland Redmond, 1845-1894.

The gift of Helen C. Redmond.

“THE RESURRECTION LILIES”

(south wall)

In memory of
Samuel Twyford Peters
Josephine Gemmel Peters.
Gift of S. T. Peters.

“EASTER MORNING”

(north wall)

In memory of
Henry Hutchinson Hollister, 1842-1909
Vestryman of this Church for 28 years.
Gift of Anne W. Hollister, his wife.

THE KNAPP WINDOW

(north wall)

In memory of
William K. Knapp, 1828-1877
Maria M. Knapp, 1828-1904.
Gift of Evelina K. Hollins
Maria M. Knapp.
John M. Knapp.

“ST. HUBERT”

(south transept)

In memory of
Rieman Gordon Duval
Born Nov. 5, 1883
Died May 9, 1912.
Gift of his father, H. Rieman Duval.



REV. REUBEN RILEY
THIRD RECTOR

“SAINT CECILIA”

(south transept)

In memory of

Nannie Gordon Duval

Born May 21, 1849

Died Feb. 18, 1914.

Gift of her husband, H. Rieman Duval.

“THE FISHERMEN”

(north transept)

In memory of

Bradish Johnson, 1853-1918.

Gift of his wife, Aimee E. Johnson.

“EMMAUS”

(north transept)

In memory of

William Kissan Vanderbilt

The builder and benefactor of this Church.

This window is donated by his devoted children

W. K. Vanderbilt

Harold S. Vanderbilt

Consuelo (Marlborough) Balsan.



ST. MARK'S CHANCEL

TABLETS

In loving memory of the Rev. Reuben Riley
For twenty-eight years the faithful and devoted
Rector of this Church.

Born Sept. 26, 1816. Died Dec. 21, 1891

"I determined not to know anything among you save
Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

Gift of the Congregation.

To the memory of Bradish Johnson.

Born April 22, 1811. Died Nov. 3, 1892.

Senior Warden of this Church for forty years.

"He rests from his labours."

Gift of Helena J. Parsons.

In loving memory of Benjamin Sumner Welles,
1823-1904.

For many years Vestryman and Warden of this Church.

In memory of Susan Breese Riley.

Entered into rest Jan. 23, 1925.

THE PULPIT

In memory of Bradish Johnson. 1853-1918.

Vestryman and Warden for thirty-one years.

Presented by his children

Bradish G. Johnson

Aymar Johnson

Marie G. Johnson.

THE BELL AND BELFRY

In loving memory of
Schuyler L. Parsons and Helena Johnson Parsons
By their children
Helena Parsons Wharton
Evelyn Hollingsworth
Schuyler L. Parsons.
Easter, 1920.

THE ORGAN

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of
William Bruce-Brown, 1887-1918.
This organ was presented to St. Mark's Church
By his mother, Ruth A. Bruce-Brown, Nov., 1920.

THE PROCESSIONAL CROSSES

[1.] Given by
Anita Tone Potts
In memory of her husband
Rockhill Brevoort Potts, Christmas, 1919.

[2.] Given by
Gertrude Mayo Moulton
In memory of her father
Henry Duncan Wood,
who died March 5, 1915,
and was for many years a Vestryman and Warden.
The Cross is of the period of the Crusades.

REREDOS AND ALTAR

Given by
Buell Hollister and
Louise Hollister Valentine
in memory of
Anne W. Hollister.

ALTAR CROSSES

[1.] Gift of Mrs. R. C. Livingston
and Mrs. W. F. Wharton.

[2.] In Memoriam
Ellen Wood.
Born August 21, 1857.
Died February 17, 1926.
Donor, Gertrude Moulton.

THE CANDLESTICKS AND VASES

Given by
Ellen W. L'Hommedieu
Ida W. Howells
Susan Breeze Riley
Clarabelle Wicks.

THE EUCHARISTIC CANDLESTICKS

Given by the Misses Anne R. and Caroline Le Roy
Webb in memory of their father and mother
General Alexander Stewart Webb, 1835-1911.
Anne Remsen Webb, 1837-1912.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Presented by Anna Maria Prince (Mrs. John D. Prince), June 1880.

THE ALMS BASIN

In Memoriam, Camilla Woodward Moss
August 18, 1899.

Gift of some members of the congregation.

THE FONT

Given by
Dr. Gerardus Wynkoop.

THE EWER

A Thankoffering from
Elizabeth Lucia Wynkoop
Baptized St. Luke's Day, 1910.

THE CHOIR STALLS

In memory of
Austin J. Flint, 1902-1919.
Given by his parents,
 Sherman Flint
 Olivia Slocum Flint.

THE ALTAR RAIL

Gift of Benjamin Welles
Christmas, 1898.

QUEEN ANNE PRAYER BOOK

Given by Mrs. Harry B. Hollins in memory of Rev. Reuben Riley, and in his memory also were given the *Chancel Prayer Books* and *Hymnals* by Mr. James Whitely, who also gave the large *Bible* on the Lectern and the *Lamps*.

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RECTORS, CHURCHWARDENS AND VESTRYMEN



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RECTORS

1847-1853.	Rev. James W. Coe.
1853-1861.	Rev. Henry W. Davis.
1861-1889.	Rev. Reuben Riley.
1889-1892.	Rev. Henry R. Freeman.
1892-1908.	Rev. Ralph L. Brydges.
1908-	Rev. William H. Garth.

WARDENS

	DATE OF ELECTION TO VESTRY	DATE OF ELECTION AS WARDEN
Harvey W. Vail.....	1847	1847
William E. Wilmerding.....	1850	1850
Bradish Johnson.....	1852	1852
Benjamin R. Robson.....	1852	1852
Obidah S. Snedecor.....	1859	1873
Thomas Garner, Sr.....	1863	1863
Frank C. Lawrance.....	1865	1874
William Garner.....	1866	1866
William Nicoll.....	1868	1868

Benjamin S. Welles.....	1882	1882
H. Duncan Wood.....	1880	1890
Bradish Johnson.....	1887	1892
H. Rieman Duval.....	1889	1915
Benjamin Welles.....	1905	1915
Richard Wharton.....	1911	1924
Dr. Wm. B. Savage.....	1911	1924

VESTRYMEN

DATE OF
ELECTION
TO VESTRY

Herman Leroy.....	1847
John D. Johnson.....	1847
Edwin A. Johnson.....	1847
Henry B. Cook.....	1847
James H. Carl.....	1847
Peter R. Crandall.....	1847
Wilmot Scudder.....	1847
Platt Vail.....	1847
Jonathan Smith.....	1847
William J. Roe.....	1852
B. W. Leek.....	1852
John R. Cary.....	1855
Alfred Meeks.....	1855
George G. Wilmerding.....	1856
Selah C. Clock.....	1856
Matthew Morgan, Jr.....	1858
Frederick Fawcett.....	1859
Richard U. Vail.....	1860

Matthew Morgan, Sr.....	1861
James H. Carll.....	1861
J. B. Johnston.....	1861
William K. Knapp.....	1861
Benjamin S. Welles.....	1861
Thomas Garner, Jr.....	1865
Lydig Suydam.....	1868
George Hanford.....	1869
Deglan Foley.....	1869
Sidney L. Jackson.....	1870
Warren Lott.....	1871
James Mainwaring.....	1871
Jesse S. Blydenburg.....	1872
Waterman Olcott.....	1873
James Gilmore.....	1873
John D. Prince.....	1875
William R. Stellenwerf.....	1875
George Westcott.....	1876
J. L. North.....	1878
William K. Vanderbilt.....	1879
George B. Howell.....	1880
John H. Vail.....	1882
W. Bayard Cutting.....	1885
Dr. A. G. Thompson.....	1885
Lucius K. Wilmerding.....	1886
William S. Hanford.....	1887
Henry H. Hollister.....	1888
Edward S. Knapp.....	1890
Henry B. Hyde.....	1893

John Gibb.....	1893
Charles D. Ingersoll.....	1894
Harry B. Hollins.....	1896
Charles D. Dickey.....	1897
James H. Hyde.....	1899
H. Whitney Livingston.....	1901
Benjamin Welles.....	1905
Harry K. Knapp.....	1906
Lucius K. Wilmerding.....	1909
John Vos.....	1911
Buell Hollister.....	1915
Bradish G. Johnson.....	1918
Gerald V. Hollins.....	1918
Bayard C. Hoppin.....	1923
Henry Billington.....	1924
Robert J. Bartley.....	1924
John L. Abrew.....	1927
W. Kingsland Macy.....	1927
Aymar Johnson.....	1927

CLERKS OF THE VESTRY

Harry B. Cook.....	1847-1850
Wilmot Scudder.....	1850-1868
Frank C. Lawrance.....	1868-1872
- Warren Lott.....	1872-1873
Jesse S. Blydenburg.....	1873-1873
James Mainwaring.....	1873-1875
Wm. R. Stellenwerf.....	1875-1878

George Westcott.....	1878-1880
George B. Howell.....	1880-1881
John H. Vail.....	1882-1911
Dr. Wm. B. Savage.....	1911-1926
Robert J. Bartley.....	1926-

TREASURERS

James H. Carll.....	1847-1852
B. W. Leek.....	1852-1856
Harvey W. Vail.....	1856-1858
George G. Wilmerding.....	1858-1860
James H. Carll.....	1860-1862
Richard U. Vail.....	1862-1868
William Nicoll.....	1868-1873
H. Duncan Wood.....	1873-1887
John H. Vail.....	1887-1911
Richard Wharton.....	1911-



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PEWHOLDERS AND OTHER SUBSCRIBERS



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Mr. and Mrs. John L. Abrew
Mrs. John D. Adams
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Allen, Jr.
Mrs. William Loring Andrews

Mr. Robert J. Bartley
Mrs. William H. Barnhardt
Mr. William Bayne, Jr.
Mr. Donald H. Belford
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bellsmith
Miss Sarah Bennett
Mr. Henry Billington
Mrs. Charles Bollinger
Mr. and Mrs. William Gage Brady, Jr.
Mr. Henry W. Bull
Mrs. F. D. Bunce
Mr. Harry Bunce

Mr. George A. Carden
Mr. Jay F. Carlisle
Mrs. Juan M. Ceballos

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clock
Mr. Paul L. Clock

Mr. and Mrs. John Darragh
Mr. Adolph Dick
Mrs. J. Henry Dick
Mr. William K. Dick
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Duryea
Mrs. Hanson R. Duval
Mrs. Reiman G. Duval

Mrs. Forest Eccleston
Mrs. James Egan

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Flint

Mr. George Garrett
Miss Marie Garrett
Rev. and Mrs. William H. Garth
Miss Adeline Gerhardy
Mrs. Lewis M. Gibb
Hon. and Mrs. George S. Graham
Mrs. John Greenway
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Griffiths
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Grover
Miss Ethel Grover
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Grover

Mrs. John J. Haff
Mrs. Herbert Hale
Mr. Maitland Handford

Mr. Thomas Harwood
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Havemeyer
Mrs. William E. Hawkins
Miss Emily Hawkins
Miss Louise Heberton
Mrs. W. W. Heberton
Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hlavac
Mr. Winfield Hoher
Mrs. George Holligan
Mrs. Harry B. Hollins, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Hollins, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald V. Hollins
Miss Marion Hollins
Mr. and Mrs. Buell Hollister
Mr. and Mrs. Bayard C. Hoppin
Mrs. Leroy Hostetter
Mr. Ernest Howard
Mr. Harry Howard
Mrs. Louisa Howard
Mr. and Mrs. William Howard
Mrs. Samuel Humphries

Mr. Charles H. Jackson
Mrs. Frederick Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. Aymar Johnson
Mrs. Bradish Johnson
Mr. Bradish G. Johnson
Mrs. Frank S. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Jones

Mrs. Emma Kasin
Mr. Louis Kasin
Mrs. Sophia Kerr
Miss Knapp
Mr. Harry K. Knapp
Mr. Theodore J. Knapp
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kroupa
Mrs. Saloma M. Kukacka

Mr. William Lamb
Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Lawrance
Miss Emily Lawrance
Miss Marjorie Lawrance
Mr. Frank Lawrance
Mr. L. Seton Lindsay
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little
Miss Frances L. Livingston
Mr. H. Whitney Livingston

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingsland Macy
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Markvart
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Merrick
Mrs. Charles Morgan, Jr.
Mrs. Charles H. Morgan
Mr. Henry W. Morgan
Mrs. Malcolm McBurney
Mr. and Mrs. William McCollom
Miss Nellie MacIntosh

Miss Jane Osborne

Mr. Schuyler L. Parsons
Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Peters
Mrs. Samuel T. Peters
Mr. Allan Pinkerton
Mrs. Robert A. Pinkerton
Mr. and Mrs. J. Ives Plumb

Mrs. Ralph N. Raynor
Mrs. Willis C. Raynor
Mr. and Mrs. James F. Richardson
Mr. Frank Riedel
Mrs. Beverley Robinson
Miss Anna Rohlicheck
Mr. Joseph Rohlicheck
Mrs. Florence Rose
Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamilton Russell
Mrs. Joseph Ruzicka

Dr. and Mrs. William B. Savage
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Sherman
Mrs. Arthur Skidmore
Miss Grace Skidmore
Mrs. John B. Stanchfield
Mrs. A. G. Stanley
Miss Flobelle Smith
Mrs. Herbert Smith
Miss Mary J. Smith
Mrs. Walter H. Smith
Mrs. John Southard
South Side Sportsmen's Club

Mme. Alexandre Tcherepine
Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Thorne

Miss Cecelia Urban

Mr. and Mrs. Langdon B. Valentine
Mrs. William Van Anden
Mr. Harold S. Vanderbilt
Mrs. Richard Velsor
Mrs. William Verity

Miss Louise A. Waters
Miss Ann Remson Webb
Miss Caroline Leroy Webb
Mrs. William Weinfurt
Mr. Benjamin Welles
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wharton
Miss Belle Wickes
Mrs. Graham Williams
Mrs. Lucius K. Wilmerding
Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Willis
Mrs. Sophia Worden
Mrs. Arthur W. Wright

Mrs. William Zuklin

APPENDIX I



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REV. MR. GARTH

ON Monday evening, 15th October, 1928, while this book was being printed, the congregation of St. Mark's celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Rector, to whom the event came as an entire surprise.

A large gathering of the parishioners was held in the Parish House and Mr. Garth was presented with a check for \$5000 and an automobile, together with a handsomely bound book containing the following address (illuminated) and the names of those who had contributed to this token of regard. This note of the occasion is made here by request, and the address was as follows:

"How beautiful are the feet of them
that preach the gospel of peace, and
bring glad tidings."—Rom. X, 15.

November 1st, 1908

November 1st, 1928

In Recognition
of 20 years of faithful service.
TO THE REV. WILLIAM H. GARTH
Beloved Rector of Saint Mark's Parish
Islip, Long Island, New York

This month ends a period of 20 years spent by you in our midst, and devoted by you, as Rector, to the exalted service of the work of a minister of God.

You have wrought faithfully among us, in season and out, rejoicing with us in the days of sunshine and grieving with us in the days of bereavement and sorrow, until you have become endeared to us, and hold a warm place in our hearts.

Your work has often been done amidst discouragements and disappointments, but always with high courage and splendid perseverance, and we realize that it has all been done to the Glory of God, and out of love for humanity flowing from a heart filled with affection for your kind.

Our deep love and respect for you, and a full appreciation of your work, have culminated in the tender of the purse and the car which we present to you, with this book containing the names of the givers, as a recognition of your faithful services and an expression of our regard and affection.

It is our hope and prayer that we may enjoy your services and your presence among us for many years to come.

Faithfully yours,

HELENA P. WHARTON

HELEN L. HOPPIN

GEO. S. GRAHAM

BAYARD C. HOPPIN

RICHARD WHARTON

THERESA G. ABREW

LOUISE A. WATERS

ROBERT J. BARTLEY

JOHN L. ABREW

Committee.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Richard Wharton, the address in behalf of the people was made by the Honorable George S. Graham, and the presentation was made by Miss Marion Wharton, who was the first child baptized by Mr. Garth in his ministry at St. Mark's.



APPENDIX II
ENDOWMENTS



ST. MARK'S ENDOWMENTS

For Parish House :

\$500 from Women's Auxiliary in 1900.

\$1,000 from Aimée G. Johnson in memory of Elizabeth Aymar.

\$1,000 from Anne W. Hollister.

For Girls' Club :

\$3,000 from Benjamin Welles in memory of Frances Swan Welles.

For Church :

\$1,000 from Mrs. Lucius K. Wilmerding in memory of her husband.

\$15,000 bequest of Bradish Johnson, 1918.

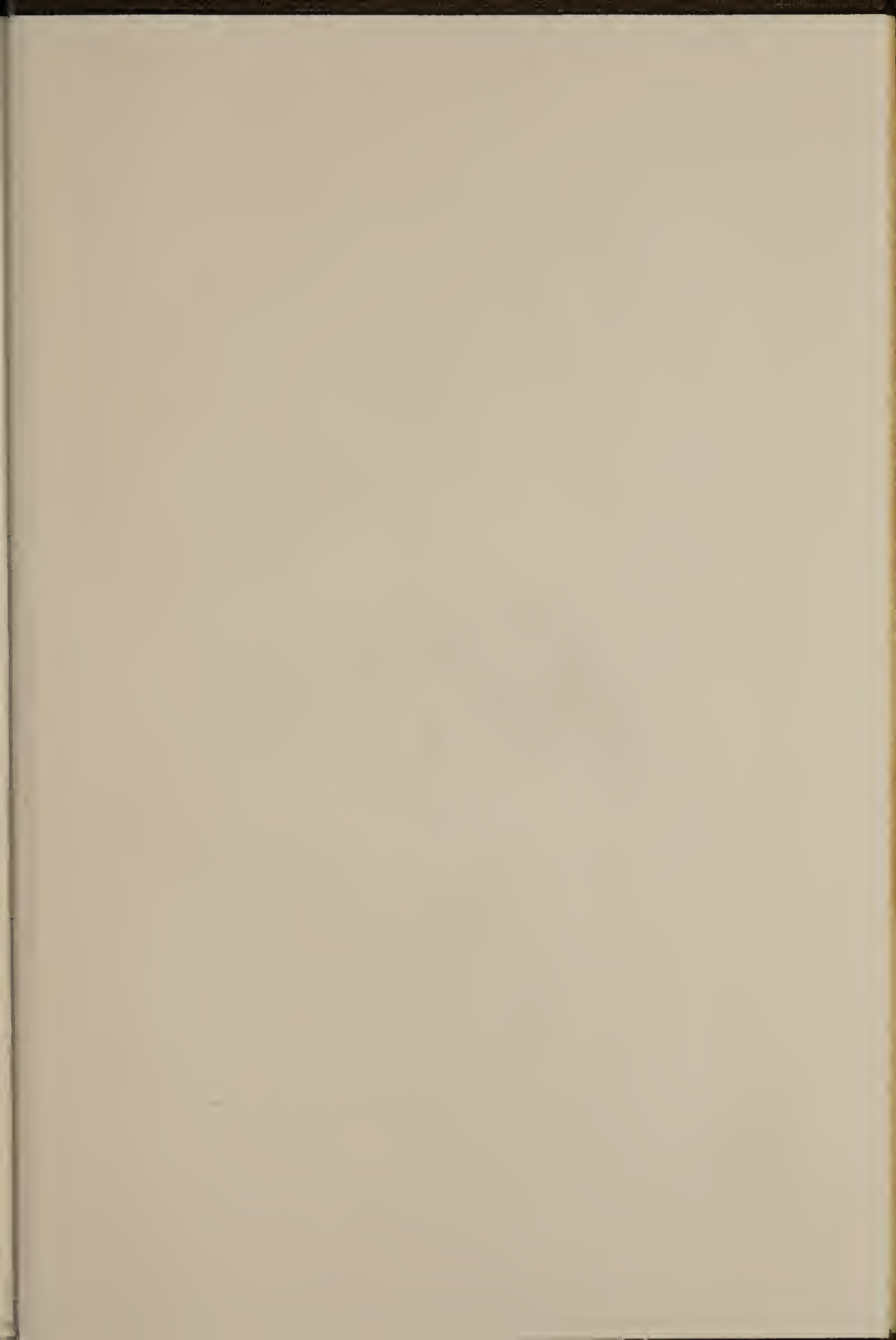
\$50,000 bequest of William K. Vanderbilt.



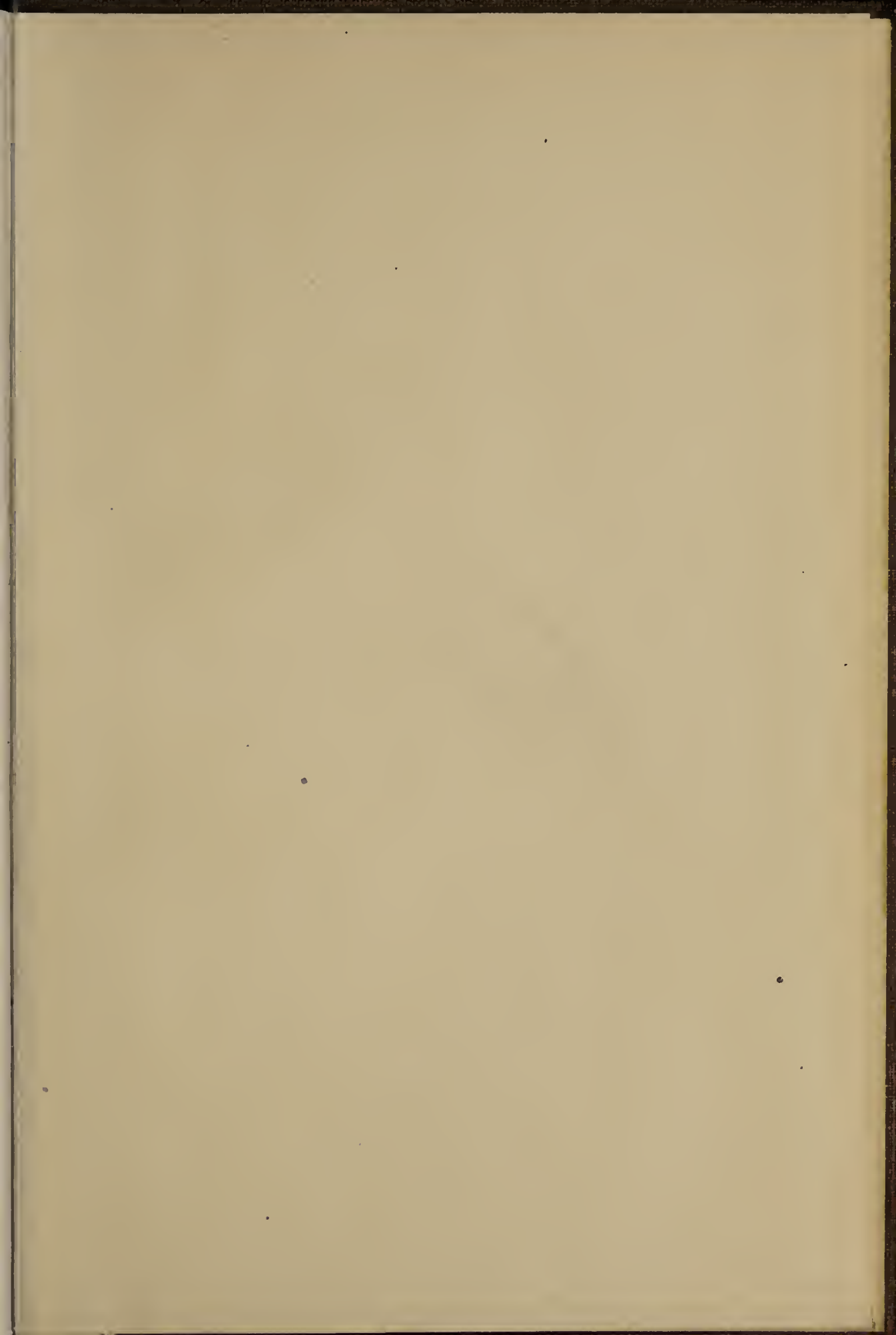
FORM OF BEQUEST

THE RECTOR, CHURCHWARDENS, AND VESTRY-
MEN OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN THE
TOWN OF ISLIP, NEW YORK









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